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October 27, 2025

Meg Denning
True the Vote Research Team

Sent via Electronic Mail to: ttvresearch2025@gmail.com

Re: Request for records, considered received: October 13, 2025 (SOS PIR No. 25-1026)

Dear Ms. Denning:

This letter responds to your request for information under the Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "PIA"), which was sent to the Office of the Texas Secretary of State (the "Office") via email on Saturday, October 11, 2025 and is considered received on Monday, October 13, 2025 (the "Request"). In the Request, you indicate that you are seeking the following information:

*[A]ll records, communications, directives, or guidance created or received by your office since March 25, 2025, related to Executive Order 14248, titled *'Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections'*, including but not limited to:*

- 1. Actions taken or planned to comply with, respond to, or evaluate the order;*
- 2. Communications with federal agencies (including the Election Assistance Commission or Department of Justice) concerning implementation or challenges to the order;*
- 3. Any internal analyses, meeting notes, or correspondence with county officials, election vendors, or other stakeholders related to voter roll verification, mail-ballot receipt deadlines, or documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements.*

Additionally, please include any records, guidance, or communications your office has sent to counties or local election authorities in connection with Executive Order 14248.

We are processing the Request in accordance with the terms of the PIA.¹ To that end, we require more time to review our records and produce responsive information. We will provide you

¹ The PIA applies only to information in existence as of the date that the governmental entity receives the request and thus does not require the entity to create new information in response to a request or comply with a continuing

responsive documents on a rolling basis—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—with the first production by 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2025. *See* Tex. Gov’t Code § 552.221(d).

The Office asserts that certain information responsive to the Request is protected from disclosure under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. The Office is requesting a decision from the Texas Attorney General as to whether it may withhold this information.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SEC. 552.301

As indicated above, this letter provides you with notice that the Secretary of State has requested a decision from the Texas Attorney General regarding whether certain information relating to the Request may be withheld under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. Enclosed is a copy of the request for decision from the Texas Attorney General.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (512) 463-5770.

Sincerely,



Adam Bitter
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request to supply information on a periodic basis as such information is prepared in the future. *See* Tex. Gov’t Code §§ 552.002, .021, .227, .351; *A&T Consultants, Inc. v. Sharp*, 904 S.W.2d 668, 676 (Tex. 1995); *Fish v. Dallas Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 31 S.W.3d 678, 681 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2000, pet. denied); Tex. Att’y Gen. Op. JM-48 at 2 (1983); Open Records Decision Nos. 476 at 1 (1987), 465 at 1 (1987), 452 at 2–3 (1986), 342 at 3 (1982).

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Via Hand Delivery

Re: Request for records, considered received: October 13, 2025 (SOS PIR No. 25-1026)

Dear General Paxton:

On Saturday, October 11, 2025, the Office of the Texas Secretary of State ("Office") received a written request for information ("Request") from Meg Denning (the "Requestor") under the Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "PIA"). A copy of the Request (considered received on Monday, October 13, 2025) is attached as Exhibit A. I hand-delivered this letter to the Open Records Division on October 27, 2025.

The Office asserts that certain information responsive to the Request is excepted from disclosure under the PIA. Specifically, the Office contends that some of the responsive information may be excepted from disclosure under Sections 552.101, 552.103, 552.106, 552.107, and 552.111 of the Texas Government Code.

Pursuant to Section 552.301(a) of the PIA, this letter is submitted in order to seek a decision as to whether the exceptions apply. To assist in your review, the Office will provide a brief of written comments and copies, or a representative sample, of the responsive documents not later than the 15th business day from the date that the Request is considered received by the Office.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (512) 463-5770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ABitter".

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Cc: Requestor (via email) without Exhibit